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Editorial

This year JAST is publishing the volume 33. For Christians the number 33 has a strong spiritual meaning. In Numerology, the number 33 is considered a Master Number ("Master Teacher"), which means that it resonates at a higher vibration than other numbers. The number 33 also represents the talent and skills, how they can help reach our goals, learn new ones, and share our talents with the world. Therefore, the volume 33 of JAST seems particularly promising.

In 2018 more than 400 submissions to JAST have been received with a particular higher number of submissions in the areas of mortar/cement and dental adhesion with respect to 2017. The rejection rate was nearly 80 % and the quality of the published articles is without hesitation higher than the ones published in previous years. Because of the increase in the number of submissions, the role of on-time good reviewers is even more critical. We have some difficulties in finding reviewers able to cope with the timing for submitting revisions and this have delayed slightly the time between the submission and the final decision in 2017. In order to comply with the targeted time of one month between submission and first decision of the submitted manuscripts, new highly qualified scientists have been appointed as members of the Editorial Board of JAST. We hope than in 2019 the timing between the submission of the manuscripts and the first decision will come back to "normal".

We thank the dedication and efforts made by the following past members of the Editorial Board of JAST : Dr. A. K. Bhowmick, Dr. R. Carvalho, Dr. A. Cerutti, Dr. V. Colombo, Dr. H. Dodiuk, Dr. A. Ghatak, Dr. P. Geiss, Dr. S. Kumar, Dr. B. Rabehi, Dr. A. Sadr, Dr. J. K. Spelt, and Dr. S. H. Zaferani.

We are welcoming to the new members of the Editorial Board of JAST : Dr. Ebru Kavak Akpinar (Turkey), Dr. Raul D.S.G. Campilho (Portugal), Dr. Pierre Clastres (France), Dr. Luca Goglio (Italy), Dr. Xiao Han (China), Dr. Charles W. Paul (USA), Dr. Salvatore Sauro (Spain), and Dr. Claudia Volpato (Brazil).

Let us contribute to the volume 33 of JAST with high standard scientific contributions. This will be feasible with the efforts of the authors and the reviewers!

Greetings,

Dr. José Miguel Martín-Martínez - Editor-in-Chief
Dr. Mutlu Özcan – Associate editor
Dr. Milan Sernek – Associate editor